

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE
EXAMINING GROUP 2811

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By Nelia T. de Guzman Date: August 8, 2000

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PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Inventor(s): **Min Cao, et al.**

Group Art Unit: **2811**

Serial No.: **09/217,740**

Examiner: **Owens, D.**

Filed: **December 21, 1998**

Title: **Local Oxidation of a Sidewall Sealed Shallow Trench for Providing Isolation Between Devices of a Substrate**

Atty Docket: **10961260-1**

AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL ACTION UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.116

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Hon. Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

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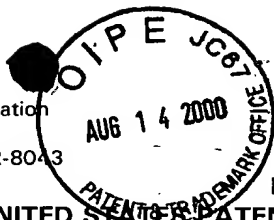
In response to the Office Action mailed **July 20, 2000**, which was made final, please reconsider the above-identified application based on the following amendment after final action.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 3, line 8, please delete the word --an-- and insert the word "a" between "is" and "substrate".

Page 3, line 13, please insert the word "a" between "includes" and "semiconductor".

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IN THE
UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Inventor(s): Min Cao et al

Serial No.: 09/217740

Examiner: Douglas W. Owens

Filing Date: Dec 21, 1998

Group Art Unit: 2811

Title: Local Oxidation Of A Sidewall Sealed Shallow Trench For Providing Isolation Between Devices Of A Substrate

ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
Washington, D.C. 20231

TRANSMITTAL LETTER FOR RESPONSE/AMENDMENT

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is/are the following in the above-identified application:

- (X) Response/Amendment () Petition to extend time to respond
() New fee as calculated below () Supplemental Declaration
() No additional fee (Address envelope to "Box Non-Fee Amendments")
() Other: _____ (fee \$ _____)

CLAIMS AS AMENDED BY OTHER THAN A SMALL ENTITY						
(1) FOR	(2) CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT	(3) NUMBER EXTRA	(4) HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	(5) PRESENT EXTRA	(6) RATE	(7) ADDITIONAL FEES
TOTAL CLAIMS	5	MINUS	20	= 0	X \$18	\$ 0
INDEP. CLAIMS	2	MINUS	3	= 0	X \$78	\$ 0
[] FIRST PRESENTATION OF A MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM					+ \$260	\$ 0
EXTENSION FEE	1ST MONTH \$110.00	2ND MONTH \$380.00	3RD MONTH \$870.00	4TH MONTH \$1360.00		\$ 0
OTHER FEES						\$
TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THIS AMENDMENT						\$ 0

Charge \$ 0 to Deposit Account 50-1078. At any time during the pendency of this application, please charge any fees required or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account 50-1078 pursuant to 37 CFR 1.25. Additionally please charge any fees to Deposit Account 50-1078 under 37 CFR 1.16, 1.17, 1.19, 1.20 and 1.21. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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Signature: Nelia T. de Guzman

Respectfully submitted,

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